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## Voters nix water filtration plant

Quorum allows meetings to be held

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE — At Monday's Special Town Meeting in the Ware Junior Senior High School auditorium, voters shot down the proposed water filtration plant that town officials have said would help with the town's discolored drinking water.

After discussing whether it was necessary, 60% of voters were in favor of it and 40% voted no, according to the electronic voting tabulations. To pass, the article needed two thirds of the voters to approve it. There were about 150 voters at the back-to-back Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting held Monday. The article also asked for \$7.3 million to be added to the \$6 million approved at the 2017 ATM, which would mean borrowing the \$13.3 million over 40 years. It was also hoped the USDA would provide a grant for a portion of the cost.

An article asking voters to rescind the earlier vote in 2017 for the original \$6 million was dismissed after it was decided by town counsel to let it stand and add to the original amount.

Since 2015, town officials have been trying to get the plant built, which would have been located at

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Ware Troop 281 Scouts Justin Torres-Ladue, Riley Kszwienski and Aaron Bateman attended the Special Town Meeting as part of their Citizens in the Community badge. They have also learned from Town Manager Stuart Beckley about how the town functions.

## New technology helps pass Town Hall increase

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE — Annual Town Meeting voters on Monday used new technology, electronic voting clickers, to vote to add money to the make sure the brick can be repointed on one of the town's oldest buildings, Ware Town Hall.

The town changed the way voters have cast their votes for more than 200 years on Monday night with the advent of an electronic voting system, which quickly tabulated each person's vote and showed the results within seconds.

After the meeting ended, Moderator Kathleen Coulombe said she thought the first use of the system went well, and voters were patient as she and Mary Midura, assistant to Town Manager Stuart



An electronic voting system was used for the first time at Ware's Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Monday. They offer voters an anonymous way to cast votes and can be quickly tabulated.

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## Ware Memorial day parade Monday, May 31 at 1 p.m.

WARE — The Memorial Day parade and ceremony will begin when the parade steps off Monday, May 31, from the American Legion on Maple Street at 1 p.m. and continue to Veteran's Park for a brief ceremony. It is recommended that all health guidelines set by the state and the town of Ware be followed. Wearing masks and social distancing is recommended, as well as everyone's help to make this a safe and successful event.

All veterans are encouraged to march in the parade as we honor those who have gone before us. The parade marshall this year is retired Major Francis (Butch) Moran and the speaker will be retired Sgt. Major Francis Bateman.

## Board accepts marijuana host agreement

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK — At their meeting of Monday, May 24, SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp said they received the clean draft of the Host Community Agreement from Adroit Manufacturing, LLC, represented by Ralph Rogers. Rogers said the draft received from town coun-

sel, "Is a document I would feel comfortable signing." The board reviewed the HCA and approved it effective as of Tuesday, May 25.

Gillespie Car Care

Kemp asked Brian Gillespie, representing Gillespie Car Care, if he was seeking to amend his original application for a Class II license under Affordable Car Care. Gillespie said he has a business license for Gillespie Car Care, but

does not have a dealer's license. He said the paperwork was supposed to be done by January, and he has been calling each week since then. Kemp said she would consult with town counsel about the application.

Board of Health Agent Tex Sarabia said he has heard complaints that the business does not have proper sanitation facilities. Gillespie said there is now a

sani-can located on the property. Sarabia said the sani-can needs to be permitted through the BOH and Gillespie agreed to rectify that issue immediately.

Kemp said she has heard issues about the number of cars located on the property exceeded the allotted amount. Gillespie said he cannot sell or dispose of the vehi-

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## Demo of 114 Main St. began Wednesday

Clears way for Main St. redesign project

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE — At long last, demolition of 114 Main St., which was deemed dangerous by Building Inspector Anna Marques and the SelectBoard last fall, began Wednesday morning at 7 a.m.

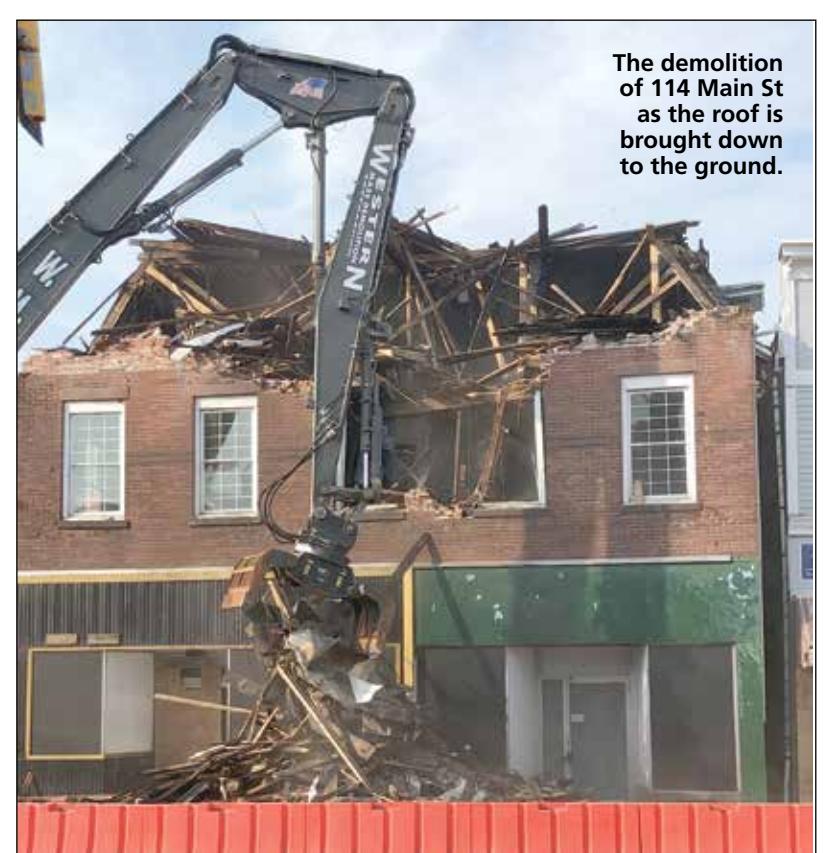
At a Special Town Meeting in March, voters approved using \$400,000 to bring the building down. MassDOT and the Main Street redesign contractor, Ludlow Construction, said last fall and again this spring that the project could not proceed unless the building was stabilized or demolished.

Last fall, the SelectBoard, ordered the owner, 114 Main St. LLC, to pull the building down by Oct. 1, but that did not happen. Lawyers for the owner and the town had been in contact over the last six months, but the owner had not moved to pull it down.

Once MassDOT and Ludlow Construction said again this spring that the building would have to be addressed and STM voters approved the demolition money, the town moved forward with the demolition permit process.

At 7 a.m., the crane was in place and pulling the roof from the building, although the process was halted for a short time as a man was seen in a window where

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## American flag drop-off boxes now available

WARE – Boy Scouts from Troop 281 of Ware, who are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, have built drop-off boxes for everyone's convenience.

Please drop off any American flag(s) to be retired at collection boxes located at Country Bank on West Street; Wiltons Clothing on Main Street; North Brookfield Savings Bank on Main Street; Monson Savings Bank on West Street; NAPA on West Street and EB Flatts Restaurant on Route 9 in East Brookfield.

On June 14, Flag Day, at the Earl A. Howe American Legion Post 123 in Ware, the Scouts, sponsored by AMVETS Post 123, will be assisting the American Legion in retiring all of the flags collected. The public is welcomed to attend the ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m.

Any questions, call Scoutmaster Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email [scoutdad281@charter.net](mailto:scoutdad281@charter.net).

## Memorial Day parade on May 30

WARREN – The town will host a Memorial Day Parade this year on Sunday, May 30, beginning at 1 p.m., at St. Paul's Cemetery. The parade route will go through both cemeteries, down Maple Street to the Town Common. From there, participants will go to the Warren Fire Station for a brief ceremony.

Then everyone will head to West Warren and march from Main Street/Ware Road to Veterans Park for the final ceremony. A luncheon will be held for veterans and parade participants at St. Stan's Pavilion.

## TECHNOLOGY from page 1

Beckley, worked together to put each article up and then wait as the votes were tabulated. The votes were shown as percentages, but could be shown if there was a close vote, such as 50% yes and 50% no.

In a vote during the Special Town Meeting, which was held first, a vote to amend article 5, which asked to change the percentage of retail marijuana tax put toward a Water Filtration Plant Stabilization Fund from 100% to 80% failed, with a 50-50 vote. The electronic system quickly showed that 76 people voted in favor of it and 77 were not. This also quickly made it clear that the necessary two thirds approval had not been reached for it to pass.

Coulombe said a number of towns in the state have purchased the systems and voters

have liked the change. The clickers use wireless technology that is not hooked up to the internet, she said, and each vote is secret and anonymous. It also greatly reduces secret ballot counts that are done by hand, she said.

In her letter to voters at the front of the STM and ATM warrants, Coulombe said she believed it would help with questions of vote counts. "Following a March 2021 Special Town Meeting when vote accuracy questions were raised, the moderator investigated other communities and means of addressing these concerns and universally recommended using an electronic voting system," she wrote. Coulombe was referencing the STM held in March in cars in the parking lot of the Ware Junior Senior High School

when one voter questioned the accuracy of a vote.

A committee made up of Coulombe, Town Clerk Nancy Talbot, Beckley and the Finance Committee, who determined which system. It cost about \$9,700 and COVID-19 grant money was used to buy it, she said.

## Town Hall

The system, of course, was also used to tabulate votes to add \$70,000 to the Town Hall's operating expenses, which increased the entire fiscal 2022 budget by that same amount.

The vote was 95% in favor and 5% against after pleas from Ware Historical Commission Chairwoman Lynn Lak and Assistant Town Clerk Kathy Galford, who is also a member of the Ware Historical Commission, to make sure the historic building gets some

tender loving care. That would include repointing of its bricks.

Lak told voters that despite getting a \$50,000 historic preservation grant, which the town matched, with the rise in construction material costs throughout the pandemic, the town has not been able to get a contractor to do the work for the money it has. If the grant money is not expended, she said, it would be unlikely the town receive any additional grants.

"There is so much history in Town Hall," Galford said. "I have the privilege of working in Town Hall, and it fills me with awe to be in the building."

Former President John F. Kennedy spoke on the steps of Town Hall, which Galford said probably helped the town received the grant. The Great Hall was also the location of

a meeting of town leaders in the 1930s, where townspeople voted to buy the mill that was closing down and moving south. "It was so innovative that it made national news," she said, leading to the town's unofficial motto, "Ware, the town that can't be licked."

Voters gave her a round of applause before voting to add the \$70,000 to the coming year's budget.

The budget was passed with no discussion other than the addition of \$70,000 for Town Hall work. The approved budget was for \$31.76 million, which included \$15,569,207 for the municipal side of the budget and \$16,193,955 for schools, including \$1,131,024 for the Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School, and \$1.8 million for transportation.

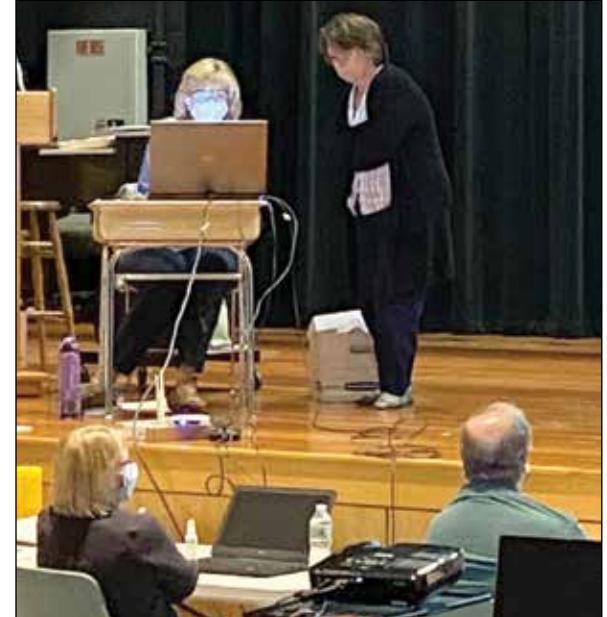
## Are You Old News?



Last week's photo featured Ware Golden Agers at their St. Patrick's Day Party. Standing in front of President Bernie Wilson are from left Loretta Smith, Marie Sorel, Joan Lund, Rita St. Onge, Ellie Wilson, Jeanne Ligawiec and Kay Root.

Also, several weeks ago we ran a photo of a young boy and an adult with him as the photo of the week. They were Jesse Boone, 5, with assistant David Peterson at an Aspen Rod & Gun Club fishing derby for kids.

If you know who is in this week's photo please send their names and your full name to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).



Moderator Kathleen Coulombe and Mary Midura, executive assistant to Town Manager Stuart Beckley, worked together to keep the new electronic voting system on track.

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## Young Men's Library reopens on June 1

WARE – The Young Men's Library will be reopening to the public on Tuesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. Our hours for the summer will be Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday mornings in June, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be closed on Saturdays in July and August.

As the library has too many users who are too young to get vaccinated at this time, everyone is asked to please continue to wear a mask while in the library. It also reserves the right to limit library capacity or length of visits to the library if necessary to ensure the safety of all library users. The library will be happy to continue to provide pickup service for library materials for any library users who would still prefer not to come into the library at this time.

Please call us at 413-967-5491, or check the library's website at [www.warelibrary.org](http://www.warelibrary.org) or its Facebook page at Ware Library if further details are needed.

## Warren library has museum passes to a many locations

WARREN – The Warren Public Library has generously received funding from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, for the following museum passes for 2021: Ecotarium for up to two adults and two children at half price; MA State Parks Pass free parking.

Also, Old Sturbridge Village for up to four visitors at half price; Springfield Museums, buy one full-price admission and get one half off; USS Constitution is free admission for up to nine visitors.

New this year are Trustees Go Passes, which provide free or reduced parking and/or admission to all of the Trustees properties including the beautiful Castle Hill and Crane Beach, Halibut Point State Park in Rockport, Fruitlands in Harvard, Naumkeag Estate in Stockbridge, the William Cullen Bryant Homestead in Cummington and many more. Be sure to check out the Trustees' guidebook, "Where Wonder Happens" and explore all of their properties across Massachusetts. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.



Courtesy photo

Left to right are Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO, KatieAnne DeMars, Ware Middle School principal and Michael Rouette, Monson Savings Bank executive vice president and chief operating officer.

## Monson Savings Bank donates reusable water bottles

WARE – It is unmistakable that Monson Savings Bank is a community bank through and through, fully committed to supporting the local communities, including the students who attend local schools. With the past 18 months presenting unique challenges for everyone, including local students, the bank has continued to show support and provide solutions.

Most recently, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty, along with Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Michael Rouette, visited Ware Middle School Principal KatieAnne DeMars to personally deliver a supply of reusable water bottles. These provided bottles will give students safe access to drinking water throughout their school day.

"Ware Middle School is incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by Monson Savings Bank. This past year and a half has required all of us to make adjustments and it is great that our students have the support of this local community bank," said DeMars. "Our students will be so happy to receive their very own water bottle to refill during the school day."

Schools were, and still are, some of the most affected by the pandemic. School officials had to make many quick and difficult decisions to protect the health of their students and teachers. Most schools turned to complete or partial remote learning in 2020. Since then, progress has been made allowing many schools to return to traditional classroom learning with modifications.

School officials are still working hard to continue to protect their students and teachers now that they are back in the classroom. One way schools are doing this is by shutting down standard drinking

fountains and only allowing the use of water bottle filling stations. One local school using this method is Ware Middle School.

While providing the alternative water bottle filling stations eliminates some risk for Ware Middle School, some students did not have access to their own reusable water bottle. When Monson Savings Bank heard that students needed reusable water bottles in order to access to fresh drinking water during the school day, they knew they had a solution that they could deliver.

Monson Savings Bank immediately reached out to the Ware Middle School inquiring how many water bottles they would need for the students to use at the filling stations. Later that day, the bank wasted no time, placing an order for reusable water bottles. A week later Moriarty and Rouette, personally delivered the reusable water bottles to the Ware Middle School location where they were able to meet with DeMars.

"It is remarkable how well these students have adjusted during the past year and a half, and it is our pleasure to do what we can to help them. Since students can no longer use a water fountain, reusable water bottles are now an essential supply for students to have access to," said Moriarty. "It is important students are comfortable and hydrated so they can effectively learn and enjoy their school day. Monson Savings is more than happy to provide these water bottles for all students to access drinking water in a safe way."



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## Fire due to improperly disposed of smoking materials

WARE – Firefighters responded to a home at 5 Pleasant St. Monday at 5:36 p.m., where they found smoke showing, according to Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon.

The tenants, Ken and Jeremiah Carpenter, had to vacate the home, and it appeared to have started in the bathroom, he said. It is thought that the careless disposal of smoking materials was the cause, Gagnon said. The first originated in the bathroom trash can. The property is owned by Jack Boggess.

Firefighters got to the scene quickly and had it under control and out by 6 p.m. The Fire Department responded with two engines and a ladder truck. The Palmer Fire Department provided coverage for the town at the Fire Station and Warren Fire Department went to the scene to help.

No one was injured. The property will have to be cleaned up before the occupants can return, he said.



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The cause was thought to be smoking materials that were improperly disposed of in the bathroom trash can.



Ware Fire Department had the fire under control and essentially out by 6 p.m.



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## EDITORIAL

### Stand in solemn solidarity this Memorial Day

From stone walls in New York and fields in Pennsylvania, barbed-wire-laden trenches in Europe to remote volcanic islands of the Pacific, jungles in Vietnam to the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, brave men and women have fought and died for the stars and stripes, and the ideals it represents.

Many weren't much older than those preparing to graduate soon from Ware Junior Senior High School when they answered the Lexington Alarm from their fields, shops and homes when they answered their country's call when conscripted for active duty service. Some never came home.

Some, like West Brookfield's Allen Everett, were held prisoner, as he was during World War II, before being liberated and making his way home.

While many consider Memorial Day weekend the unofficial start of summer, rife with cookouts, the openings of pools and exuberant celebration, it is important to take a moment to remember the meaning of the holiday in the first place.

Memorial Day, unlike the Fourth of July, reminds the nation of those lost in defense of the nation's freedoms. Whether it's the freedom to assemble and speak out against a government policy, to publish a contrary opinion or to worship in the manner of one's choosing, we all owe a debt of gratitude to those men and women who never left the battlefield.

The holiday has its roots in the aftermath of the American Civil War, originally known as Decoration Day, when Union veterans adorned the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. Similar observances were held for Confederate soldiers. After World War I, the holiday was expanded to honor all of the nation's war dead, but wouldn't become a national holiday until 1971.

This weekend when folks assemble in Hardwick and Warren, or on Monday when they march in Ware's Memorial Day Parade, the list of the town's soldiers from the Civil War to Vietnam are inscribed on stone monuments as a reminder to the ultimate cost of freedom.

While COVID-19 kept public remembrances from being held last year, we are lucky to be able to gather and remember those we have lost and thank them for their service and their sacrifice. And for those who are not yet comfortable doing so, they can be remembered privately with the same gratitude.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

Now it is as important as ever that we should spread the word of their service and act to advocate for critical benefits for those who make it home. We should both encourage and listen to the stories of veterans, whatever they choose to tell. And we should do this every day so as not to forget their sacrifices.

## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

### Will applying for disability hurt SSI retirement benefits?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My husband turns 65 later this month. He has started having health issues, so much so that we are thinking about talking to his doctor about Social Security disability. How would this affect him in applying for his Social Security benefits? Should we exhaust disability efforts before applying for his retirement benefits? *Signed: Concerned Wife*

**Dear Concerned Wife:** In order to qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance, or SSDI benefits, your husband's disability must be considered total and must be expected to last for at least one year. And that will need to be substantiated by medical evidence from his doctor. So, having a discussion with his doctor is the right first step.

Since SSDI benefits are based upon your husband's full retirement age (FRA) benefit amount, if he is awarded Social Security disability it would have no effect on his FRA benefit amount. In fact, if he is awarded SSDI benefits, they will automatically convert to his regular Social

### Tomato planting 101

With the quintessential frost-free target date of Memorial Day just days away, I think it's the perfect time to encourage folks to give gardening a try. Growing tomatoes is a good place to start. First, because growing them is relatively easy and secondly, because you will be delighted with a great return for your investment of a little money and some time. No supermarket tomato could ever compare to one that is homegrown and sun-ripened.

First of all, head to the local nursery and select a plant. There are many varieties to choose from. Do you prefer slicing tomatoes, cherry or pear-shaped for salads, or meaty paste types? If you plan on growing your tomato in a patio container, it may be best to settle on a determinate or bush type that will require next to no staking and will remain tidy in its pot.

Find a spot in your yard that gets at least six hours of sun a day. Less than that and you will have more leaves than fruit. If necessary, remove existing sod to accommodate your plant(s). Tomatoes should be spaced about 18 inches to two feet away from one another. For one plant prepare a section two feet wide by two feet deep. Now, go ahead a dig a fairly deep hole. How deep depends on the size of your transplant. Since tomatoes have the ability to form roots along their stem, plan

on burying one-half to three-quarters of the stem in addition to the root ball. Don't worry; although this planting depth sounds extreme, it will be better for the plant in the long run. In my experience, a cup or two of well-rotted manure or aged compost mixed with the soil in the bottom of the planting hole along with a sprinkling of balanced organic fertilizer is all the food your tomatoes will need during the growing season.

If you plan on growing your tomato in a container, choose one that is at least a foot wide and deeper if possible. Fill it 50/50 with potting soil and garden loam or compost. The blend will be light-weight and nutritious.

Tomatoes need support in the form of a cage or tall bamboo stakes wrapped with twine at regular intervals. Although your transplants may seem puny now, go ahead and install the supports at planting time. Once planting is complete be sure to give them a hearty drink. Continue to water every other day for the first week or so if nature doesn't provide adequate rainfall. Watering at the base of the plant will direct water to the roots and keep most of the foliage dry. A good practice in disease prevention. Once the plants are established, a deep watering twice a week is all that is necessary. Mulch of some kind, be it straw, grass clippings, chopped leaves or even



sheets of newspaper will keep the weeds down and conserve moisture; some say it also helps to prevent disease by preventing backsplash onto the foliage.

Often times experts recommend pruning away the suckers that form between the main stem and side shoots. If you do you will have fruit that is bigger, but in smaller quantities. Most of all, don't worry about the rules and regulations, just do your best and have fun with your first gardening experience.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the employees and residents of the Town of Ware,

As many of you know, my 26-year-old son Shiloh Skerritt, a young man with both Autism and Type 1 diabetes, was assaulted without provocation while taking one of his two daily walks through Grenville Park on Friday, May 7th, and again on Saturday, the 8th.

In the second attack he was kicked with such force that his shoulder blade was broken. Those incidents seem to have shaken this town, and finally people are talking about doing something to protect those in Ware with special needs, both children and adults.

In that Saturday attack, though there were apparently two young people who actually assaulted and beat Shiloh, there were between 15 and 18 other young people who surrounded him during that beating, many with their cell phones out to record it, and many who encouraged the attack. Nobody, not a single one of those young people present, made any attempt to stop what they were watching, instead they called my son vile names like "pedophile" and "pervert," even though they knew nothing about him other than the fact that he was "different." The truth is he has Autism, and it comes with a learning disability.

But I'm not writing to you to tell you the details of what happened to my son. I'm here to thank the Town Manager, the Parks Department, the Board of Selectmen and the Ware Police Department for stepping up and taking immediate action. And I want to thank every single person in Ware who has offered their condolences, support, and even greetings when Shiloh, now with me, takes his walks at the park.

It's an absolutely beautiful place to enjoy the outdoors, and those recent events should not diminish what Grenville Park has to offer. All we have to do is get involved if we see bad people mistreating good people. Call the police, get video, intervene! Do something other than just watching and staying silent. There were witnesses to both of these attacks on Shiloh, but not a single person came forward during or after the first one, until the second attack brought public attention to it. Even I didn't know of the first assault until I heard about it at a hearing for one of the suspects.

My son simply does not verbalize things well. He doesn't think like most of you. He doesn't understand anger, jealousy, hatred or



fear. He also doesn't understand why a person can do this to another person. I often wish we were all like him, and I'm very proud to be his father.

Thank you,

Paul Skerritt, Ware

### Ware is worth seeing

I popped into the select board meeting briefly last Tuesday and then returned home to continue watching on TV. Imagine my surprise when I heard the board say our town of Ware was not worth "seeing." I have lived many places and I want to remind the board why they are wrong. Ware is definitely worth "seeing," and here are a few places they might take a look at.

All of Ware Center with the beautiful farms: Letendre Egg Farm, King Creek Farm. Mr. Cook's tasty blueberries and the Ware Center Meeting House. The wonderful brick work of the Ware Town Hall, the new Art Works complex, Cedarbrook Village, and stunning places of worship. The waterways, brooks and streams all around the town. Beautiful Grenville Park with walking trails, boat ramps and recreational facilities for

everyone. Rail Trails, Memorial Field, the covered bridge and the dog park. Downtown improvements, solid community banks, a local newspaper, a vibrant business and civic association, schools that rank in the top half of the state. So many nonprofits working on endless projects to improve this town; Friends of the Dog Park, Friends of the Ware Town Hall, Friends of the Seniors, The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and Buy Ware Now to name a few. Volunteerism that outshines any town in America.

I could go on, but I think you get my point. I do not look at this town through rose-colored glasses. I see the challenges we face. I think one of the biggest challenges is a select board who takes the time to be concerned about a word instead of pointing out to the community and to prospective businesses why Ware is the place to live, work and play. Just imagine a prospective business coming to Ware and listening in to this past meeting. Everything said at the Select board meetings either uplifts this town and citizenry or chips away at our pride and the work that is moving this town forward. We are Ware and we are definitely worth "seeing."

Carol Zins, Ware

## How Ware's observance of Memorial Day evolved

By Stephen R. Katz  
Guest columnist

In 1868, John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, dedicated May 30 to honoring the Civil War fallen by decorating their graves. Logan ordered all G. A. R. posts to make suitable arrangements in their cities and towns for observing the day, and similar orders were issued annually thereafter.

For many years, people called May 30 "Decoration Day" and "Memorial Day" interchangeably. But, to the Grand Army of the Republic, "Decoration Day" didn't adequately reflect the solemnity of the occasion. In June of 1882, the G. A. R. ordered Grand Army members to discontinue the use of that term, and to speak of "Memorial Day" instead. But the popular use of "Decoration Day" persisted, and only gradually did it give way to "Memorial Day."

## GUEST COLUMN

In Ware, the J. W. Lawton Grand Army post organized Memorial Day observances from the time of the post's formation on May 12, 1869, up through 1927. The ceremonies in 1871 were typical of Memorial Days in Ware in the latter part of the 1800s. A procession consisting of members of the Grand Army post, accompanied by a band, marched from Grand Army Hall at 42 Main Street to the various cemeteries in town to decorate the graves of Civil War veterans. Their final stop was Aspen Grove Cemetery for exercises at the monument honoring Ware's Civil War dead. The march then returned to the Town Hall for orations, band music, and performances by a choir. In the years following, as the nation became involved in other armed conflicts, additions were made to the day's activities. Graves of all veterans were decorated, not

only those of the Civil War. Added to the program were exercises at the World War I and II honor rolls at the Town Hall, and, later, at Veterans Park.

Over time, the ranks of the Grand Army dwindled. New veterans' groups sprang up, and the Grand Army post eventually took a back seat in Ware's Memorial Day observances—literally. By the 1920s, instead of leading the march to the cemeteries, its members were taking up the rear riding in automobiles. Ahead of them were the younger generations: members of the local Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. In 1928, the G. A. R., its membership having been reduced to a handful, turned over its leadership role in planning and executing Memorial Day activities to Ware's Earle F. Howe post of the American Legion. The post was named after the first soldier from Ware to be killed in action in World War I. The Grand Army post disbanded the following year.

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# The true meaning of Memorial Day

By Jennifer Baublitz  
Guest columnist

I have never been able to listen to Taps without tearing up. From the first definitive notes of G-G-C, a wave of emotion crashes over me and it is impossible to hold back the tears. I could chalk it up to having associated the song with the experience of burying my grandfather at Bourne National Cemetery in Cape Cod, but that would not explain the visceral reaction I feel each time it plays. This reaction is much deeper than the personal loss of a grandparent long after his service has been completed. It is the intangible nexus of pride, pain, anger, sadness, and gratitude that coalesces within me each time I reflect on those who have died in service to our country, and what it would mean to be the loved one left to bear that complicated grief.

As a military spouse and proud member of an extended family with a history of service, I have been fortunate in my time to not have lost anyone in this capacity. For this I am eternally grateful, however, as my husband continues to serve, part of me cannot yet breathe easy. It was Memorial Day in 2019 when I attended a cookout at the home of friends who served proudly for more than 20 years in the Army. This fellow military family had not been so fortunate to never have experienced the ultimate loss, however, and each hour on the hour everyone in attendance would pause the festivities to toast a fallen brother in arms. Sixteen printed pictures, one for each of those remembered that day, hung from a homemade garland on the side of the house. As I stood there in the yard, cornhole bean bag in hand, listening to the toasts, I could not allow myself to truly connect with my friends. If I had begun to gen-

inely empathize with them in those moments, I am not sure I would have been able to hold myself together. Just the prospect of connecting with what it would be like to lose my husband before his 20 years are complete is too much to bear, so I did my best to disconnection with the very real, raw representation of Memorial Day.

I will admit that much like many Americans, I look forward to Memorial Day for a cadre of selfish, unrelated reasons. It is the unofficial start of summer, often accompanied by beautiful weather and a three-day weekend filled with gatherings and celebrations. In my household, we even have the added joy of our son's birthday, which often falls on Memorial Day as it will this year. After long New England winters and wet, temperamental springs, Memorial Day feels like warm, joyous freedom. It is in these moments, however, that it is most imperative to stop and reflect on all the liberties we enjoy, and the cost borne by our brothers and sisters in arms in their efforts to ensure that we can do just that. We cannot afford to give in to the refuge of emotional detachment, much like I did on that day in 2019. Whether we can identify with such significant loss or not; and whether we agree with the campaigns that claimed their lives, those we have lost and those who will ultimately lay down their lives for what we as a nation have professed to believe in - life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - deserve our complicated, emotional, at times tear-filled and overwhelmingly gratitude laden reflections. We cannot risk forgetting how tenuous our freedom is and the high price others have paid to maintain it.

Jennifer Baublitz is the executive director of the Brookfield Institute, which helps veterans and their families.

## VOTERS from page 1

the Barnes Street pumping station property, next to Kubinski Field. It would have filtered iron and manganese from the town's water supply, preventing it from interacting with the system's chlorine. The town has said the water is fine for drinking and cooking, but many people on town water prefer using bottled water. Sometimes laundry has been ruined by discoloration from the minerals.

Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel has said the plant would not completely fix the problem as the town must keep up a twice-a-year routine of flushing the lines. Many of the town's oldest water pipes are metal and build up mineral sediment, and would need to be replaced. If the plant were built, chlorine would still be necessary to use in the water.

Resident Lynette Gabrila said she was in favor of the project despite the fact she is not on the water system. She said she loves the camaraderie of the town, and said it has come together during the pandemic to provide residents with what they need, to decorate the town for holidays, to clean up the town and to show their disgust with a recent attack by juveniles on an autistic man in Grenville Park.



Ware SelectBoard members prepare for the Special and Annual Town Meetings held on Monday.

"I see love in this town," she said. She supported it because she wants everyone in town to have clean water, she said.

Former SelectBoard member Alan Whitney urged voters to pass it because it is a first step toward fixing the issues with the water. "Let's just fix it, let's get it done," he said. "Let's not kick it down the road again."

Terrance Smith, Water Resource Committee chairman, said the town's water quality meets all nec-

essary standards, and there will be additional costs in the future including the necessity to overhaul the wastewater treatment plant.

He also said the proposed increases in the water rates, which would have helped to pay for the plant, would drive residents and businesses out of town.

Kevin O'Regan urged voters to rely on town officials and the reports generated about the need for the plant and how to pay for it. "A tremendous amount of work

had gone into the reports that have led us to this place, this time," he said.

Voters did approve the creation of a Water Filtration Plant Stabilization Fund with 70% of voters in favor of it and 30% of voters against it. Amendments Smith proposed to add the sewer system to the stabilization were not successful.

An article to dedicate 100% of the town's local tax on retail marijuana businesses did not pass despite receiving 65% of the votes in favor and 35% of the votes against it. It needed to receive a two thirds vote. Amendments to the article to put 80% of the tax and 50% of the tax were also unsuccessful.

## Other business

Voters did vote overwhelmingly to spend \$72,000 to fix drainage issues at Grenville Park and repair its ballfields, with 95% of voters in favor and 5% against it, and to let the town abandon a drainage easement at 127 Church St, by the same vote percentages.

The town has a grant for \$50,000 to do the Grenville Park work, but the town needs to match with money for construction. The easement was from the 1930s and was never used so it will revert to the homeowner.



Voters met for a Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting Monday night at Ware Junior Senior High School.

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Erwin Patrill  
Fred W. Sharpe  
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William F. Seveney  
Alfred L. Jasnoch  
John A. Boronski

# Saturday and Sunday SIDEWALK SALES



Amanda Johnson, of Cheeky Monkey Artisan Soaps, offered a wide variety of vegan and palm oil-free handmade soap.



Danny Talbot, 9, makes a purchase with the help of his mother, Heather Talbot, at Lost and Found Mercantile during last weekend's tow-day Sidewalk Sales.



Simply Mabth offered vintage and handmade products. Owner Mar Canterbury, left, is the vendor coordinator of the Open Air Market held on the second and fourth Sundays from spring through fall, weather permitting. Vendors can register at [lostandfoundmercantile.com](http://lostandfoundmercantile.com)



Sharon, of King Creek Farm, at 337 Belchertown Road, had many unique and hard to find items available for shoppers during Ware's Sidewalk Sales.

WARE – Businesses banded together last weekend and many of them held sidewalk sales to take advantage of the nice weather. There were plenty of deals and lots of great merchandise.

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Night Owl by Bri displayed her handcrafted Jewelry and other crafts at the Open Air Market.

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Masie the puppy helped vendor Meghan McNaulty, of Ragged Hill Creations, attract sales at the Open Air Market at Lost and Found Mercantile in conjunction with the Sidewalk Sales.



Yard Garb Distinctive Lawn Decor had a whimsical display of glass lawn decorations.



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## MLH satellite emergency facility to close June 3

WARE – Everyone has known this day was coming but it's already here: Baystate Health announced this week that it will close the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility in Ware on Thursday, June 3, according to a press release.

Despite requests from lawmakers and town officials that it postpone the closure for a year so fire departments and emergency medical services could plan better for the closure, the company is moving forward with the closure.

Baystate Health has said once it closes all the buildings, including the hospital, it will demolish them, make sure the property is environmentally clean and deed it over to the town for whatever use the community sees fit. Baystate officials have also said they are willing to leave it up if the town finds another healthcare company to take it over.

Longer travel times to reach emergency care will start for Ware, and surrounding communities, next Thursday.

While most patients and ambulances will likely head toward Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department, Baystate has provided a list of all the locations for miles that provide emergency care.

• Athol Hospital Emergency Department, 2033 Main St., Athol  
• Baystate Medical Center Emergency Department, 759 Chestnut St., Springfield  
• Cooley Dickinson Hospital Emergency Department, 30 Locust

St. Northampton  
• Harrington Hospital Emergency Department, 100 South St., Southbridge  
• Heywood Hospital Emergency Department, 242 Green St., Gardner

• Holyoke Medical Center, 575 Beech St., Holyoke  
• Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department, 271 Carew St., Springfield

• UMass Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department – Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont St., Worcester  
• UMass Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department – University Campus, 55 North Lake Ave., Worcester

Walk-in or urgent care services are available at the following locations:

• Convenient MD, 471 Center St., Ludlow,  
• Urgent Care of Wilbraham, 2040 Boston Road, Wilbraham

• CVS MinuteClinic, 1001 Thorndike St., Palmer  
• MedExpress Urgent Care, 1312 Boston Road, Springfield

• CVS Retail Clinic, 142 Worcester St., Charlton  
• Urgent Care Express at Harrington-Charlton, 10 North Main St., Charlton

For more information on the closure of the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility and for additional patient care information visit [BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion](http://BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion).



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Ken and Bethany Bleau, of K&D Landscaping of Ware, donated their supplies and service, and recruited six other local landscaping companies to make the lawn at the United Church of Ware look good again.

## Local landscapers help UCW look green

WARE — United Church of Ware's front lawn was in need of professional landscaping services, as much of the grass had turned brown and died, so church members reached out to Ken and Bethany Bleau, of K&D Landscaping in Ware to hire them to reseed and treat the lawn. Church members had pooled their own money to pay for the service.

The Bleaus contacted six other local landscapers and they all agreed to not only donate their supplies, but their services. The United Church of Ware would like to thank K&D



BRL Landscaping was one seven local landscaping companies to help reseed United Church of Ware's lawn.



Landscaping, John Arell at Town & Country Gardens, Charlie from Brothers Landscaping, Tim from Burke Landscaping Lawncare, BRL Landscaping Inc., McGuire Yard Service and Ed's Landscaping for helping to keep the church beautiful.

*Courtesy photos*  
Charlie from Brothers Landscaping was one of seven local landscapers to reseed United Church of Ware's lawn, which had died.



Abigail Tolar, of Ware, stands next to her painting, "Tuxedo Cat" at ArtWorks artists' reception for Reigning Cats and Dogs held last Saturday. This was her first art exhibit, although she has painting since she was 18. She is self taught and enjoys painting with acrylics and watercolors.



**ART**  
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ON DISPLAY*

Lukas Potter, age 10, painted this portrait of his cat as part of a Workshop13 program held over April vacation.

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by Paula Ouimette

WARE — Workshop13 and ArtWorks held its annual art exhibition on May 22 with many entries from artists within and without the community. Last year,

the pandemic led to the creation of a virtual art show, but this year the in-person event is back stronger than ever and features plenty of animal subjects.



The theme for the art exhibit was animals of all kinds. Here are two submissions, one featuring a puffin and a second with five horses.

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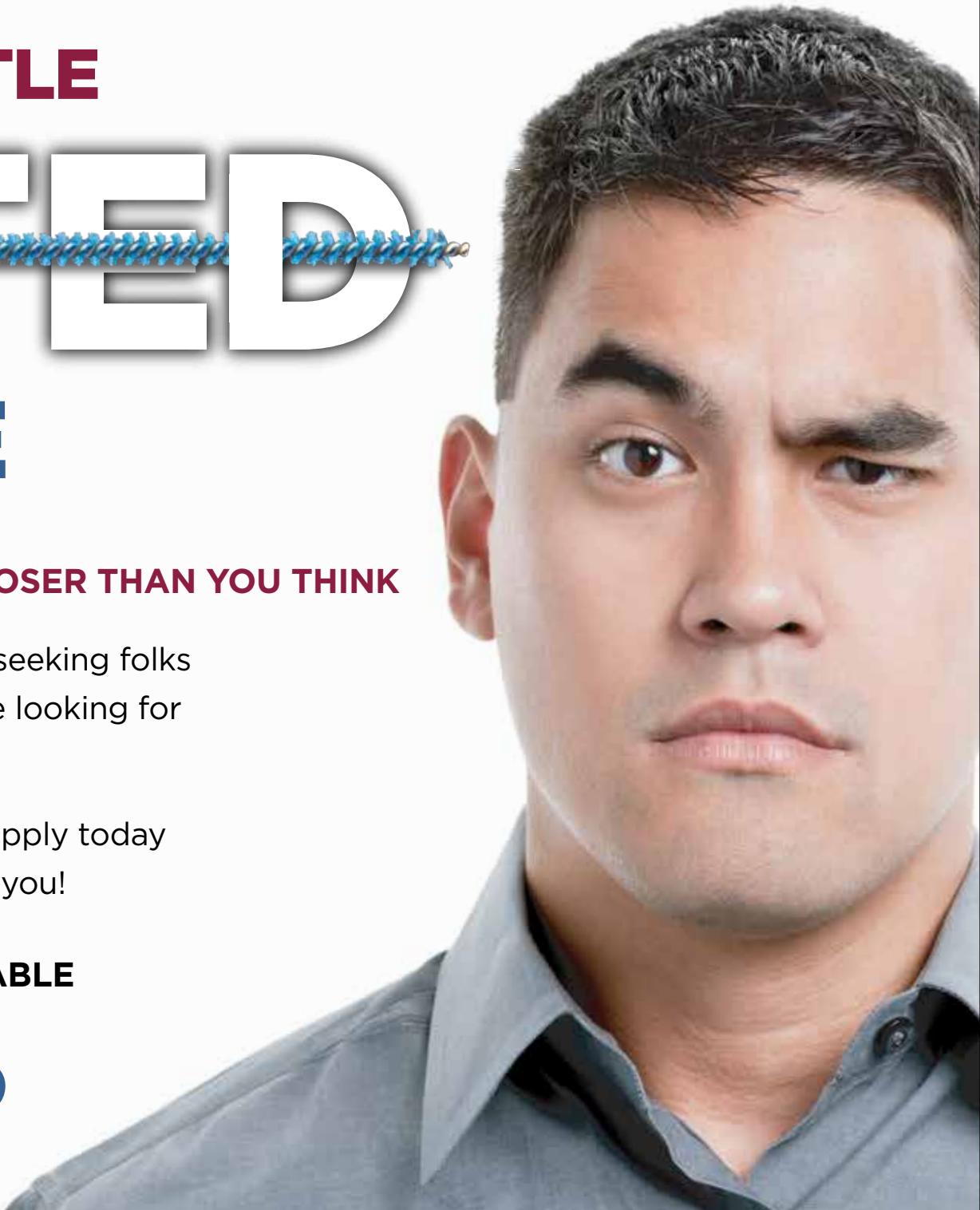
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## Smith keeps on winning for Indians

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE — Ware senior righthander Keith Smith was the winning pitcher in three of the Indians first five games of the regular season.

After recording home wins against Hampshire Regional and Southwick, Smith hurled a 5-0 shutout victory over Bi-County League rival Monson under the lights at historic Memorial Field in Ware, last Monday night (May 17).

"I've been playing baseball games on this field since I was a freshman and I really love it," said Smith following his complete game masterpiece. "This is my favorite field and there is nothing better than playing night games here in front of a large crowd."

Smith allowed just three base hits, which were all singles in his

**KEITH IS ONE OF THE BEST PITCHERS IN OUR LEAGUE THIS YEAR."**

**SCOTT SLATTERY**  
WARE HIGH SCHOOL  
VARSITY BASEBALL COACH

first shutout of the season. He struck out eleven batters, which increased his season total to 34, and issued five walks. He also picked off a runner at first base.

"We didn't make any errors in tonight's game," Smith said. "I have a lot of trust in the defense behind me. I also have a lot of

confidence in my catcher (Dylan Sutkaitis). We've worked very well together so far this season."

Smith and senior first baseman Dillon Slattery, who are like brothers, will be teammates on the Worcester State University football team in the fall.

Longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery is very glad Smith is a member of his baseball team this spring.

"Keith is one of the best pitchers in our league this year," Slattery said. "Every time that he's on the mound, we have a good chance of winning a game."

The MIAA has instituted a new pitch count rule this season. Smith threw a total of 107 pitches against the Mustangs. The maximum number of pitches a varsity pitcher can throw in a game is 115. Smith was not eligible to pitch again for four days following his start against

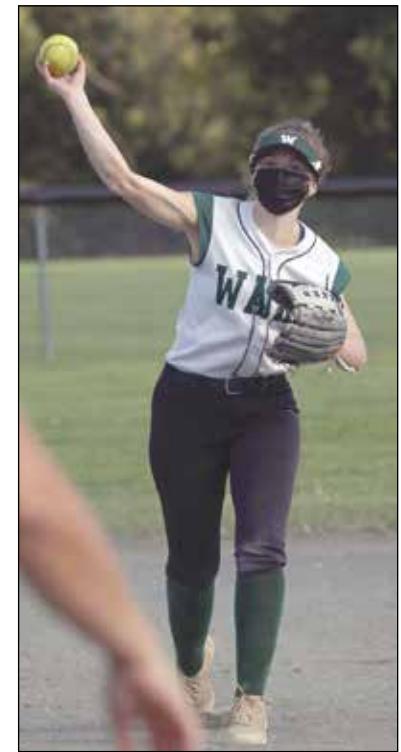
Monson. The victory improved the Indians overall season record to a perfect 5-0.

Monson, who entered the first meeting of the season against the Indians with a 3-0 record, made several costly mistakes.

"We just made a lot of mistakes in tonight's game, which is something that we hadn't done in our previous games," said first-year Monson varsity coach Curtis Orlik. "Their starting pitcher is very good and you can't afford to make that many mistakes in order to beat them."

Two of the Mustangs base hits were by senior catcher Luke Hedspeth. Senior centerfielder Connor Santos, who's planning to play baseball at Nichols College

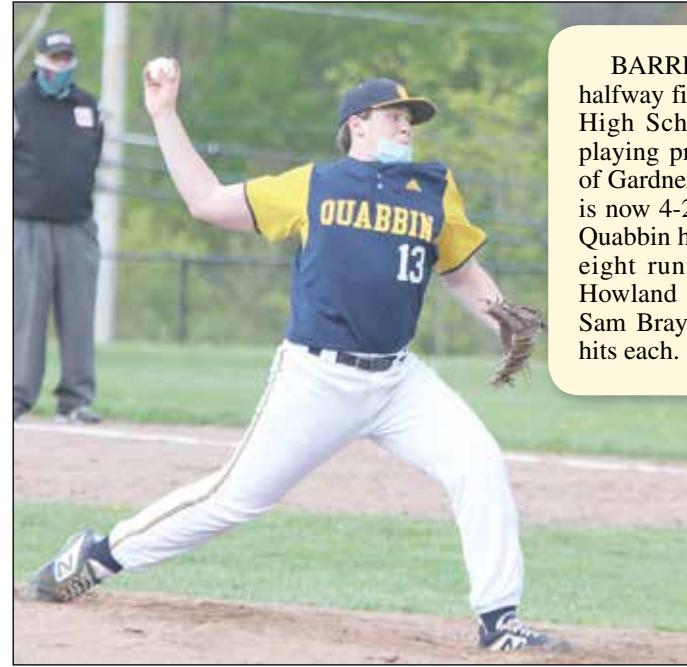
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Pitcher Abby McQuad fires to the plate.

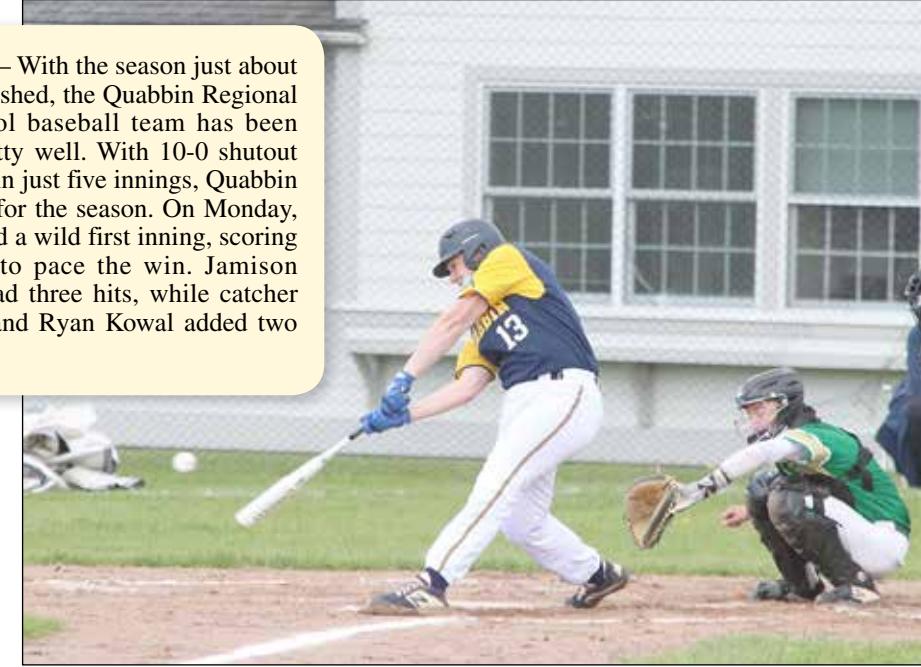
Aidyn Welsh makes a throw across the diamond.

## QUABBIN BASEBALL LOOKING FOR PLAYOFF RUN



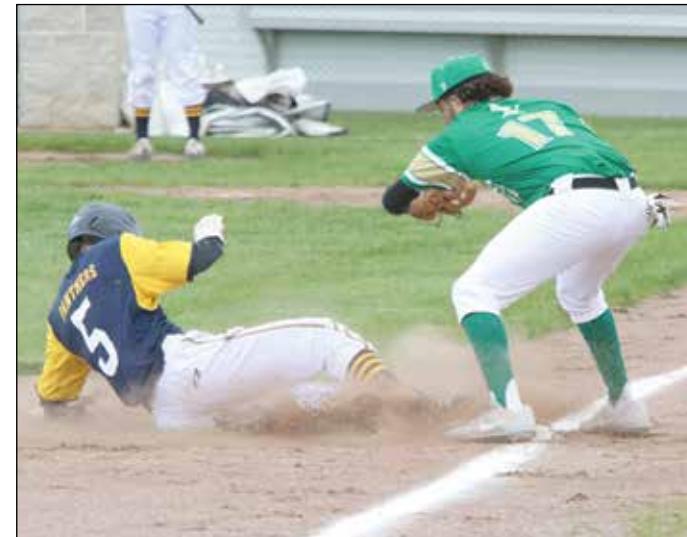
Colin Wallace pitches for the Panthers.

**BARRE** — With the season just about halfway finished, the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team has been playing pretty well. With 10-0 shutout of Gardner in just five innings, Quabbin is now 4-2 for the season. On Monday, Quabbin had a wild first inning, scoring eight runs to pace the win. Jamison Howland had three hits, while catcher Sam Bray and Ryan Kowal added two hits each.

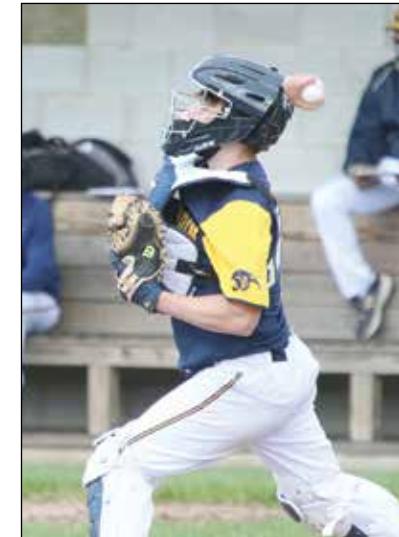


Colin Wallace makes contact on a pitch.

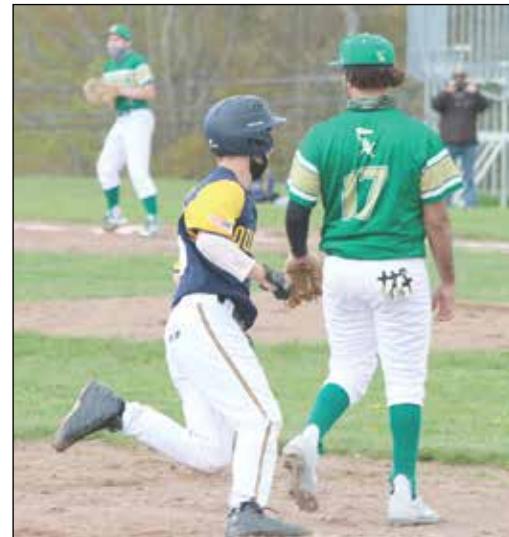
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Jamison Howland slides safely into third base.



Catcher Samuel Bray fires to second to attempt a play.



Jacob Salvadore rounds third and heads for home.



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Norah Ayers attempts a throw to first.

someone who challenges you and makes you have to think about what you're doing during the game."

The two teams combined for a total of 37 base hits.

The Lady Indians (4-3), who had 22 hits, were led offensively by senior first baseman Chelsea Orszulak, who finished the game five base hits and six RBIs. She had two singles, two doubles, and a triple before suffering an ankle

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## Hicks gets assist in Pioneers draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — Connor Hicks, of Monson, assisted on the Pioneers only goal against the Phantoms with 10 minutes remaining in regulation tying the score at 1-1. It wound up being the final score of last Friday night's home match.

"I've been playing soccer for this team for two years and it felt very nice to be a starter in front of the home fans for the first time," said Hicks following the match. "It was a hard-fought battle tonight, and it was a good game for our fans to watch."

Hicks, who's also a member of the AIC men's soccer team, was one of the Pioneers starting defenders, along with Nicholas Obrauch, who's from Rome, Italy, Carlos Emery, who's from Paysandu, Uruguay, and Federico Gutierrez, who's from Montevideo, Uruguay. Guillermo Deal and Maxi Viera, who's the Pioneers captain, are also from Montevideo, Uruguay.



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## Pathfinder can't solve Mustangs offense

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — After losing three games in a row to McCann Tech, Springfield Central and Chicopee, the Monson boys lacrosse team made the trip to Pathfinder Regional looking to get back into the win column.

The Mustangs, who built a double-digit lead during the second half, cruised to a 15-4 road win over the Pioneers on a sunny and warm afternoon, last Friday.

"It feels great to get back into the win column again," said first-year Monson head coach Conor Quinn. "We've faced a couple of tough teams recently, but all of the players have been working very hard. It was a total team effort in today's game."

Monson entered this week's action with a 3-4 overall record. The Mustangs other two victories this spring came against the Granby Rams.

Pathfinder, who squeaked out a

4-3 home win versus Granby on May 14, had a 1-5 record following the home loss.

"We always want to win every game that we play, but it was nice to beat Granby in a close game last week," said first-year Pathfinder head coach Mike Himes, who's a horticulture teacher at Pathfinder. "Everyone did their best in today's game."

The warm temperatures were a factor for both teams, especially during the second half.

The Pioneers suffered several injuries and only had nine players on the field for most of the fourth quarter. Himes came very close to ending the game early, but his players wanted to keep playing.

"We had a couple of injuries and we were a man down in the fourth quarter," Himes said. "It's very difficult to play a lacrosse game on a hot afternoon."

A total of three Mustangs play-



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Lee Morse rushes up the field.

# Buffone picks up another win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Teen sensation Cam Curtis stayed red-hot Saturday, May 22, at Monadnock Speedway, storming to his third Late Model Sportsman feature win in a row. This one was special.

In the Modified main, veteran star Todd Patnode scored his first victory of the young season. Street Stock ace Chris Buffone earned his third 2021 victory lap. Mini Stock ace Ray King used his second win to move all alone to the top of the points parade, and Nick Houle rocked the Pure Stocks for his first win this year.

Young Gun Aaliyah Tacy made her own memories Saturday on the high banks, earning her first career victory.

It was only a year ago that someone dominated the LMS field like Cam Curtis is doing right now at Monadnock. That someone was, of course, Aaron Fellows. But while the Croydon star was 40 and had more than two decades of racing experience under his belt, Curtis is only 15.

Cory Plummer and Robert Hagar led the 23-car LMS line-up to the green as the 52-lap Dean Smith Memorial event got underway. Plummer led lap one



Todd Patnode picked up the win last Saturday night in the modified race.

but was then dumped from the point, with Exeter, N.H. hot shoe Frankie Eldredge then taking charge on the ensuing restart.

With a \$1,300 winner's purse and lots of lap money up for grabs, Eldredge kept the cash coming in for the next 23 laps, but Curtis, then done with conserving his tires, rocketed to the front, dominating the final 28 go-rounds to top the prestigious Smith Memorial event.

The win helped Curtis expand his points lead after four nights of racing. Eldredge completed his strong night's work in second, while Austin Brethio's race-long solid performance netted him third on the night.

There was no full moon Saturday looking down on Monadnock Speedway, a fact perhaps misunderstood by a portion of the Modified field.

It took six cautions to get their 40-lap race completed.

Todd Patnode, charging from row six, took the lead from Kimmy Rivet on lap 19 and sailed off to his first win of the season. Cory Plummer passed Tyler Leary with the white flag in the air to come home second.

Street Stock powerhouse Chris Buffone edged past Tim Wenzel on lap ten and then held him in his shadow the rest of the way to score his third 2021 victory. With Wenzel strong in second, two-time 2020 winner Hillary Renaud came home third.

A week ago, Mini Stock rockers Gordon Farnum and

Ray King sat on row five, with Farnum then blasting to victory. This week, with the potent pair now tied atop the points parade, they again started side-by-side in row five.

This time, it was King scoring the easy win. Cody Leblanc – all the way from Bethlehem, N.H., more than three hours away – was strong in second, and Kevin Cormier came home third. Farnum finished sixth on Saturday.

Pure Stocker Nick Houle finished off his impressive weekend by winning Saturday's 25-lapper.

Third the night before at Claremont, Houle went tooth-and-nail with JD Stockwell over their last ten trips around the high banks to score the win.

Stockwell, rock solid all night, earned the runner-up hardware, with Kyle Robinson Newell impressive in third, just ahead of division strongman Chris Davis. Chris Higbee rounded out the top five after leading the first 15 laps.

Aaliyah Tacy kept Fast Eddie Petruskevicius in her shadow all the way to score her first-ever Young Guns victory. Teagan Edson was third under the checkers in her first career race.

Next Saturday, May 29, Monadnock Speedway will celebrate Memorial Day weekend with a special Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper, NHSTRA Modifieds, and much more. Post time is 7 p.m.

Monadnock Speedway  
May 22 official results:  
LATE MODEL SPORTSMEN, 52 LAPS:  
Camdyn Curtis, Frankie Eldredge, Austin Brethio, Robert Hagar, Hayden, Scott, Ryan Currier, Craig Smith, Robert Melvin Jr., William Kuhn, Cory Plummer, Ryan Bell, Dylan Bodreau, Daniel Comeau, Nancy Munin, Ruot, Justin Littlewood, Jason Maki, Cole Littlewood, Tyler Lescord, Scott Beck, Rocky Smith, Ricky Bly, Ben Poland, Christopher Jackman

NHSTRA MODIFIEDS:

Todd Patnode, Cory Plummer, Tyler Leary, Matt Kimball, Aaron Fellows, Scott MacMichael, JT Cloutier, Chris Jackman, Eric LeClair, Kimmy Rivet, Bryan Chapin, Ben Byrne

STREET STOCKS: Chris Buffone, Tim Wenzel, Hillary Renaud, Nate Wenzel, Rupert Thompson, Keith Johnson, Paul Smith, Nathaniel Nunez, Scott Zilinsky, Chris Riendeau, (DNS) Leighton Lutz

MINI STOCKS: Ray King, Cody Leblanc, Kevin Cormier, Louie Maher, Kevin Clayton, Gordron Farnum, Kevin McKnight, Jeff Asselin, Mike Douglas, Jake Puchalski, 11.

57X-Patrick Houle, 15C-Trevor Carey, William Chaffee, Robert Kirker, Richard Whipple, Matthew Lambert, Deion Russell, Christopher Grove, (DNS) Josh Wright, (DNS) Ethan Marsh

PURE STOCKS: Nick Houle, JD Stockwell, Kyle Robinson Newell, Chris Davis, Chris Higbee, Jake Bosse, Jason LeRay, Kevin Willey, Jimmy Zellman, Damien Houle, 33-Tim Shepard, Brianna Patnode, Carter Chamberlin, James Decourey, Dakota Lanou, Reagan Buffum, Ryan Lawliss, Brittany Patnode, Cory Lofland, Damon Roy, (DNS) Steven Zebrowski

YOUNG GUNS: Aaliyah Tacy, Eddie Petruskevicius, Teagan Edson, Jeff Moffat Jr., Eddie Gomar.

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## Photos wanted for Quabbin Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com).

## Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update

### As of June 3, 2021, the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility will close.

All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

We value and appreciate your ongoing trust in Baystate Health.

For more information on the closure of the satellite emergency facility and alternative options for patient care, please visit [BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion](http://BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion)



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Athlete of the Month

**Abby McQuaid**  
Ware High School

**M**cQuaid minimized the damage for Ware softball and outlasted her opposition in a win over Monson last week.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).

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Max Sanderson holds the ball away from the defense.



Ethan Roberts makes a run with the ball.

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ers recorded a hat-trick in the road victory.

Senior attack Joe Angelica led the way offensively for the visiting team with six goals and two assists.

The duo of junior attack Nick DiSanti and sophomore attack Cole Stevens each scored three goals.

"Each time two or three players had a hat-trick, we usually win the game," Quin said. "We do have a bunch of scorers on this year's team."

DiSanti also had a team-high three assists, along with junior midfielder Jason Angelica.

Stevens and Joe Angelica each scored a pair of goals during the opening quarter giving the Mustangs a 4-0 lead.

After both teams switched sides, the Pioneers ended the Mustangs shutout hopes following an unassisted goal by sophomore attack Max Sanderson 31 seconds into the second quarter.

With 10:26 remaining in the first half, Joe Angelica scored his third goal of the match.

Two more goals by DiSanti gave the visiting team a 7-1 lead less than two minutes later.

Then Pathfinder junior attack Cody Ferus pushed a groundball

into the cage past Monson junior goalie Scott Kustra (4 saves).

The Mustangs held a 10-2 half-time lead following two more goals by Joe Angelica and another one by sophomore midfielder Jack Jennings during the final five minutes of the first half.

Monson's three third quarter goals were by eighth grade attack Domanic Fleming, Joe Angelica, and DiSanti. They also added one more goal during the fourth stanza.

The Pioneers final two goals of the match were scored by senior attack Ryan Caron and Ferus.

Pathfinder junior goalie Andrew Hurst made 13 saves.

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"I'm the only defender who doesn't speak Spanish which makes it a little bit difficult at times back there," Hicks said. "I'm learning a lot from those guys and it's a lot of fun playing soccer with them."

Hicks had his own rooting section at last Friday's match.

"My family have been my biggest supporters since I began playing soccer 19 years ago. They haven't missed very many of my games. The atmosphere at the stadium is always very special. Everyone enjoys coming here and they always have a good time."

Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School in 2017, was a five-year member of the boys varsity soccer team. He helped the Mustangs win back-to-back Division 4 state championship titles in 2015 and 2016. Hicks, who was the hero of the 2016 state finals against Cohasset, scored a total of

32 goals during the final two seasons of his varsity career. He has scored a handful of goals at AIC where he's a midfielder.

"I normally play on the right wing at AIC," Hicks said. "I've started at right back in the last two matches for the Pioneers. I'm used to playing on that side of the field and I'll play any position that coach (Federico) Molinari wants me to play. I really enjoy being a member of this soccer team."

Molinari appreciates Hicks's dedication, and he earned his starting position.

"Even though he didn't get very much playing time last season (2019), Conner didn't miss any practices," Molinari said. "He's been working very hard so far this season and deserves to be one of the starters. He has really improved a lot."

Hicks made his first career start on May 15 in the Pioneers 1-0 shutout win at FC Malaga City, which is a new USL League

record following the home opener. They lost to the Boston Bolts in another road match in the season opener.

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injury in the top of the seventh inning.

"Chelsea sprained her ankle, but I think she'll be fine in a couple of days," Valle said. "She's been a really stronger hitter for us this season."

Senior third baseman Elisha Crump, senior shortstop Aidyn Welsh, and eighth grader Abby McQuaid, who was the starting pitcher, had three hits apiece for the visiting team.

"We've been struggling hitting during our past couple of games," Valle said. "Hopefully, tonight's game will give us a little bit of confidence. Everyone is chipping in offensively."

Welsh, who scored her 1,000th career point on the basketball court this past winter, scored a

team-leading six runs.

Senior second baseman Norah Ayers and junior first baseman Emma Emanuel each had two hits for the Lady Indians.

McQuaid was the winning pitcher. Twelve of the 21 runs that she allowed were earned runs. She also gave up 15 base hits in seven innings.

The losing pitcher was Palmer sophomore Ashley Bransky, who went 5 2/3 innings. She allowed 21 runs (10 earned runs) on 20 hits. She was replaced in the circle by senior Madison Cole, who allowed four runs on just two hits.

Cole, who started the game at second base, led the home team offensively with three hits and six RBIs.

The trio of senior first base-

man Avery Labonte, senior catcher Jillian Lombardi, and junior DP Nathalie Orellana-Lopez had two hits each for the Lady Panthers (0-4).

Senior Miyah Mega, only had one hit, which was a triple, but she scored four runs. Labonte also scored four runs, while eighth grade left fielder Jayda Pardo scored three times.

Palmer's previous game at Granby was suspended in the fourth inning due to rain. When that game is resumed, the Lady Panthers will have a 14-2 lead.

The Lady Indians held a slim 2-1 lead after the first inning of last Thursday's game before exploding for 11 runs in the top of the second inning.

After scoring three more runs in the top of the fourth inning, Ware held a 17-5 advantage.

Had the Lady Indians been able to keep the Lady Panthers from scoring anymore runs, the game would've ended after the fifth inning because of the 12-run mercy rule.

However, Palmer didn't quit, as they scored a total of 16 runs over the final four innings.

The Lady Panthers scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. They added four more runs in both the fifth and sixth innings before scoring six more times in their final at-bats.

"Even though we were trailing, we just kept battling back," Korzec said. "We just kept getting base hits against their pitcher. Had we played a little bit better defensively, we probably would've been able to take the lead."

bottom of the fifth with a walk. He went to second on a passed ball before stealing third base and scored on a wild pitch. An RBI single to leftfield by Clark with two outs in the fifth gave the home team a 5-0 advantage.

The Mustangs, who only had one runner reach second base during the first six innings, loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the seventh. Luke Hedspeeth began the inning with an infield hit. Then junior right fielder Jaden Nava and Ben Daniels walked. The Mustangs left the bases loaded, as Smith ended the game with a strikeout.

"Things got a little bit shaky for me in the final inning," Smith said. "I just settled down and struck out the final batter."

Smith was scheduled to start his final regular season game at Memorial Field against Granby on Monday night. Both teams entered that contest with undefeated records.

lot of pressure on the opposing defense and force them to make the plays," coach Slattery said. "We stole a couple of runs from them tonight. That's our style this year."

Junior left fielder Tyler Orszulak singled to left field leading off the bottom of the second. He advanced to second and third base on a passed ball. Sutkaitis, who's a freshman, followed with a walk putting runners at the corners. Then senior DH Aiden Clark grounded into a 4-3 double-play scoring the Indians first run.

With one-out in the bottom of the third inning, Smith reached first base following a fielding error by the Monson second baseman. Smith moved to second base on a passed ball and advanced to third on the same play following a throwing error by the catcher. Then Smith stole home for the first time in his varsity career giving the home team

a 2-0 lead.

"I watched Devin Slattery steal home a couple of times during his varsity baseball career. Devon Fuller also stole home against Palmer a couple of years ago," Smith said. "It was the first time that I stole home in a varsity game."

The inning continued with a line-drive single to left field by junior third baseman Cam Balicki and Orszulak followed with a walk. Then Sutkaitis hit a pop-up that landed in shallow right field just out of the second baseman's reach for a hit scoring the Indians third run.

The Mustangs put-together a two-out rally in the top of the fourth inning.

Luke Hedspeeth beat out an infield hit and junior second baseman Cam Daniels drew a walk bringing the tying run to the plate. Smith ended that threat with his sixth strikeout.

Dillon Slattery leadoff the

## Host families sought for Blue Sox players

HOLYOKE — One of the most frequently asked questions we receive here at the Blue Sox front office is 'where do your players live?' The answer is **host families**. Host families 'adopt' a player during the summer — and in the process form lifelong friendships and bonds with the players. Not only do you get to follow 'your boys' through a season of Blue Sox baseball — but you get to stay in touch with them as they chase their dream of becoming a Major League Baseball player.

Being a host family is a tremendously rewarding experience. If you're interested, the following information is for you!

### What's expected of the host family?

Host families are to provide

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- Special on-field recognition at the end of the season
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- Free tickets to the Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

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### How do I apply?

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## 2021 Hall ceremony returns to Western Mass.

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame has revealed the Class of 2021 which will be celebrated and enshrined in Springfield, Mass. — the birthplace of basketball — this September. The ceremony returns to Springfield on September 11, after a one-year relocation to Mohegan Sun for ample physical distancing due to the global pandemic.

The Class of 2021 includes ninth-winningest coach in NBA history Rick Adelman, two-time NBA champion and 11-time NBA All-Star Chris Bosh, NBA Finals MVP and 10-time NBA All-Star Paul Pierce, the first Black NBA head coach Bill Russell, two-time NCAA national champion Villanova coach Jay Wright, seven-time WNBA All-Star and two-time Olympic gold

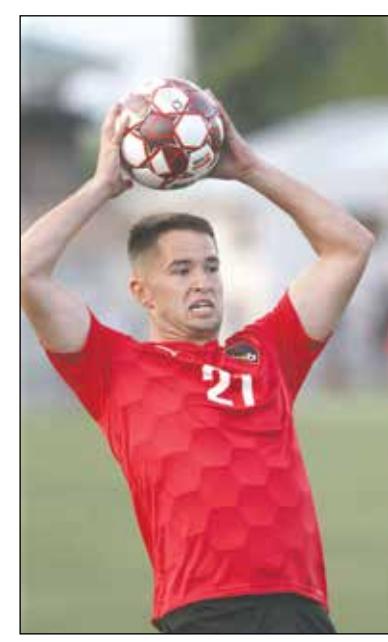
medalist Yolanda Griffith, and seven-time WNBA All-Star and three-time WNBA Most Valuable Player Lauren Jackson.

Distinguished committees focused on preserving all areas from the game also selected seven enshrinees for the Class of 2021: Val Ackerman, Cotton Fitzsimmons and Howard Garfinkel from the Contributor Committee, Clarence "Fats" Jenkins from the Early African American Pioneers Committee, Toni Kukoc from the International Committee, Bob Dandridge from the Veterans Committee and Pearl Moore from the Women's Veterans Committee.

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at Mohegan Sun on Friday, Sept. 10 with the Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards

Gala. The Class of 2021 and over 50 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass. for the annual celebratory events taking place at the newly renovated Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Springfield's MassMutual Center on Sept. 11.

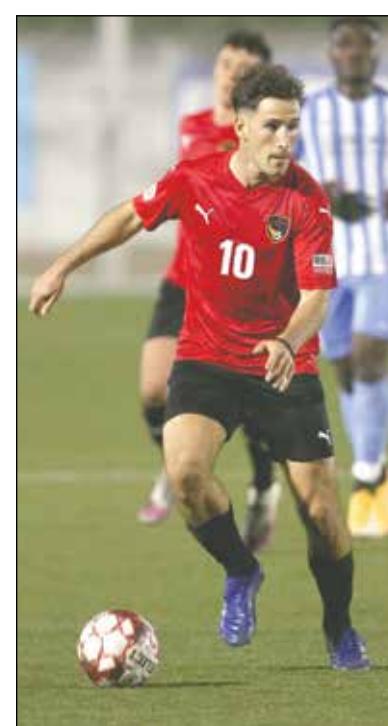
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Connor Hicks takes a throw-in.

Two club this season from Lagrangeville, New York.

The Pioneers had a 1-1-1 overall



Guillermo Deal looks at an open teammate while continuing to dribble.

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

### Monday, May 17

3:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning  
8:20 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered  
1:20 p.m. Ambulance Request Homecrest Avenue – Services Rendered  
5:49 p.m. Welfare Check Church Street – Arrest, Felony Charge  
Arrest: Shaun P. Sullivan, 33, Ware  
Assault and Battery (Household Member); Assault and Battery (Household Member)  
6:39 p.m. Fraud Fisherdick Road – Services Rendered  
8:26 p.m. Harassment Complaint Walnut Street – Advised Civil Action  
10:37 p.m. Fire, Report East Street – Referred to Other Agency

### Tuesday, May 18

2:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning  
7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Greenwich Road – Written Warning  
1:07 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative  
2:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Longview Avenue – Services Rendered  
2:29 p.m. Welfare Check West Street – Citation Issued  
5:10 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Pulaski Street – Services Rendered  
6 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered  
8:26 p.m. Investigation Palmer Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge  
Arrest: Jhovan Serrano, 24, Springfield  
Shoplifting by Concealing Merchandise, Third Offense; Trespass

### Wednesday, May 19

4:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Citation Issued  
7:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive – Services Rendered  
7:53 a.m. Accident (Hit and Run) West Warren Road – Investigation Pending  
12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning  
12:39 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative  
1:26 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Services Rendered  
2:45 p.m. Fraud Greenway Avenue – Services Rendered  
5:31 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered  
7:50 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Referred to Other Agency  
8:26 p.m. Disturbance West Main Street – Investigation Pending

### Thursday, May 20

1:01 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered  
1:42 a.m. Vandalism Highland Village – Investigation Pending

## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of May 10 to 17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 66 building/property checks, 14 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, nine traffic controls, 19 emergency 911 calls, seven motor vehicle stops, one motor vehicle accident, two complaints and two animal calls in the town of Hardwick.

### Monday, May 10

2:21 p.m. Phone – Officer Initiated – Main Street – Officer Handled  
4:35 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Services Rendered

### Tuesday, May 11

3:30 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency New Braintree Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:19 p.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
5:21 p.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Clapp Road – Spoken To

### Wednesday, May 12

2:11 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Grove Street – Transported to Hospital  
1:02 p.m. 911 – Animal Call Barre Road – Services Rendered  
1:45 p.m. 911 – Elevator Call/Alarms Old Petersham Road – No Action Required  
8:30 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Broad Street – Spoken To

### Thursday, May 13

8:18 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Main Street – Services Rendered  
10:27 a.m. 911 – Welfare Check Broad Street – Officer Handled

### Friday, May 14

1:29 p.m. 911 – Misdipl. Pattrill Hollow Road – Spoken To

9:09 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

8:38 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital

6:20 a.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Main Street – Officer Handled

5:44 p.m. Phone – Complaint Mechanic Street – Gone on Arrival

7:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Services Rendered

5:17 p.m. 911 – Neighbor Dispute Church Street – Officer Handled

5:44 p.m. Phone – Complaint Mechanic Street – Gone on Arrival

7:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Services Rendered

10:07 a.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Hardwick Road – Investigated

1:32 p.m. 911 – Alarm Main Street – Spoken To

7:10 p.m. 911 – Fire, Other Main Street – Services Rendered

10:43 p.m. Phone – Complaint Main Street – Spoken To

2:02 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Main Street – Spoken To

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# Smola supports \$600M bond bill to rebuild Holyoke Soldiers' Home

Supports expansion of long-term care services for veterans

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) recently supported a \$600 million bond bill to pay for a new Holyoke Soldiers' Home and expand the availability of long-term care services for veterans across the state.

House Bill 3770, An Act financing the reconstruction of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, was enacted by the House on a vote of 160-0 on May 18. The bill represents a compromise reached by a six-member conference committee that worked to reconcile the differences between two earlier versions of the bill that had previously passed the House and the Senate.

Smola said the bill will allow the state to qualify for up to \$260 million in federal matching funds through the Veterans Administration's State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program. The Senate is expected to vote on the conference committee report on May 20, after which it will be sent to Governor Charlie Baker for his signature.

House Bill 3770 also contains language requiring the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the new Soldiers' Home, including a stipulation that the project employ apprentices to allow for the training and employment of individuals who would not otherwise qualify for employment on the project. In addition, the bill establishes an Access, Inclusion and Diversity Committee to implement and monitor the project's compliance with diversity, inclusion work-force and enterprise goals.

Under House Bill 3770, the Department of Veterans Services, in consultation with DCAMM, will be required to file an annual report by Dec. 31 on the status of the construction of the new Holyoke Soldiers' Home until the project is completed. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

Smola said the passage of the bill will allow the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to begin the design and development phase for a new Soldiers' Home that will meet federal standards and guidelines for long term care and adult day health services. He said the bill authorizes an additional \$200 million in state borrowing to promote

geographic equity and accessibility to long-term care services for all Massachusetts veterans.

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## Theresa I. Deslongchamp

WARE – Theresa I. (Bourgault) Deslongchamp, 95, of Ware, died on

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves her son, Paul Deslongchamp, and his wife, Jacqueline, of Hardwick, as well as five grandchildren and nine

great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Gaston, in 2012 as well as their son, Robert, and she was the last of her eight siblings. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Henri and Clara Berthiaume, and was a life-long resident of the town.

In addition to being a homemaker, Theresa worked as a stitcher at Seven Sisters for several years.

Her faith was very important to her,

and she credited her long and well-filled life to God. She was a member of All Saints Church in Ware, and the former Mount Carmel Church.

A funeral Mass for Theresa will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at 10 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St., in Ware. There are no calling hours and everyone should meet at the church. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery following Mass.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

# obituaries

## Death notices

**Deslongchamp, Theresa L.**  
Died: May 20, 2021  
Funeral Mass June 2, 10 a.m.  
All Saints Church  
Ware

**Downing, Robert K.**  
Died: May 21, 2021  
Funeral Services are private

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## Robert K. Downing

WEST WARREN – Robert K. Downing, 91, of West Warren, passed away peacefully May 21, 2021, at Mercy Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 16, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Joseph Downing and Dorothea (Buck) Downing.

He was a World War II veteran having served with the Army Air Corps and the Air Force Strategic Air Command. Robert attended the University of Mass School of Engineering and graduated from Western New England College in Springfield.

Robert was employed for 37 years with Hamilton Standard United Aircraft where he held various management positions in experimental test, manufacturing engineering and field support. He was a past President of the Hamilton Standard Management Club. After retirement in 1986, he moved to South Royalton,

Vermont. In 1998 he moved to West Warren.

He loved everything to do with the outdoors. He enjoyed being in nature and was an avid sportsman. Robert was a member of the Quaboag Lodge of Masons and Melha Shiners, Springfield. In 2001 he entered into the Clown Unit with the name NIF-T. In 2005 he became Chief Clown of the Unit. He was also a member of the American Legion in West Brookfield.

Robert was a very active community member in the towns of West Warren and Warren. He served on the Board of Selectman in the town Warren, Warren Board of Health, Warren Council on Aging, and the Warren Conservation Commission. Robert was a dedicated Selectman and a successful businessman.

He was a passionate person who stressed safety first for friends and family. He was a devoted and loving husband for 53 years to his wife, Marlene G. (Tatro) Downing, a daughter, Kimberly G. Hatch, and he deeply loved and cherished his granddaughter, Kayla D. Hatch, of all West Warren. Robert has three children by a previous marriage, Maureen Laramee, Robert Downing and Kathy Vieira. He also leaves one brother, Donald Downing, and wife, Brenda, of Carlinville, Illinois. Robert was predeceased by three brothers Kevin Downing, Joseph Downing and Dean Downing, of Illinois.

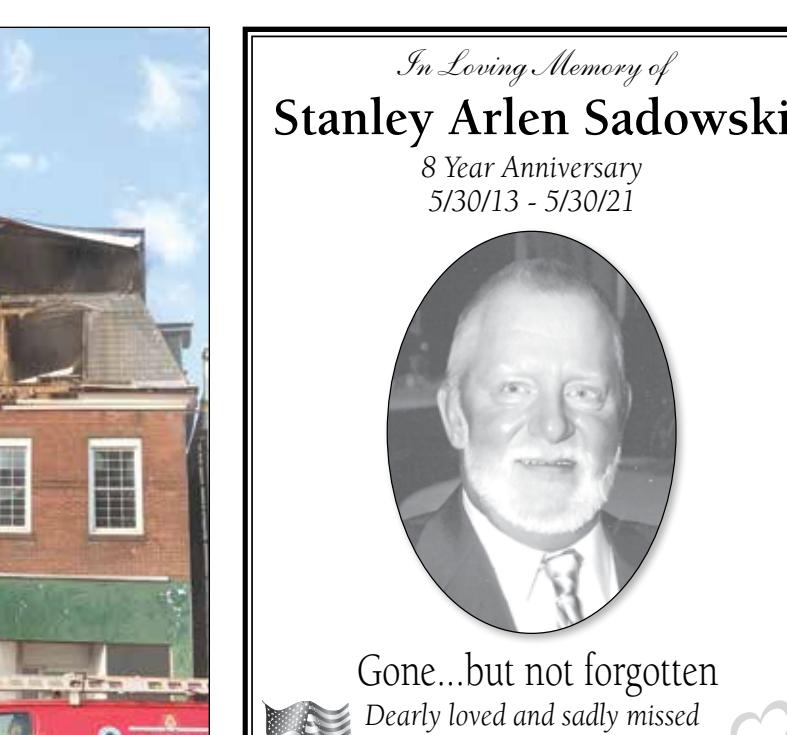
Funeral services for Robert will be held privately. There are no calling hours and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Robert's memory may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 E. Main Street in West Brookfield, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.



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413-967-9981

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**Sunday:** Worship service 10:30 a.m. (Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m., Children's Church after Children's Sermon each Sunday, Coffee hour after service

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**Pastor: Rev. Fr. Piotr Calki**

**General Office Hours:**

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Phone numbers: 413-967-4679

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**Mass Schedule:**

4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints

5:15 PM Saturday - St. Mary's

8:00 AM Sunday - All Saints

9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's

5:15 PM Sunday - All Saints

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday and Tuesday 7:30 AM at All Saints

Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM at St. Mary's

First Friday 8:00 AM at All Saints

First Saturday 8:00 AM at St. Mary's

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

All Saints - Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

St. Mary's - Saturday before the 5:15 PM Mass

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**MASS SCHEDULE:** Sundays 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday 9 a.m.

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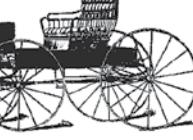
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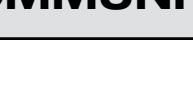
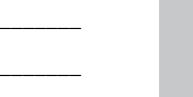
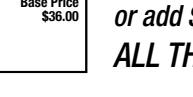
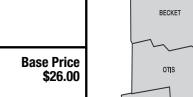
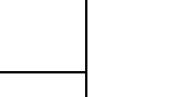
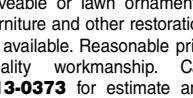
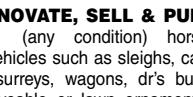
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WARREN  
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING**

May 27, 2021

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of WARREN and WORCESTER County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2019 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by WARREN on **Friday, June 11, 2021, at 10:00 AM** for nonpayment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

KERRY SCHMIDT  
Collector of Taxes Town of WARREN

Property Location: 38 CARPENTER ST  
Assessed Owners: CASAVANT, RENE  
Bill Number: 60-1

2019 SEWER LIEN 1,125.00  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 3,951.26  
5,076.26

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.800 acres described as parcel 24 0 112 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 10670-33, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 73 MAPLE ST  
Assessed Owners: CORRIVEAU, JR. BERNARD  
Bill Number: 81-5  
2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,209.56  
1,209.56

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.340 acres described as parcel 23 0 57 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 56878-324, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 798 MAIN ST  
Assessed Owners: ESPINOSA, SUSAN  
c/o CRISSOS, SOCRATES  
Bill Number: 111-2

2019 SEWER LIEN 375.00  
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2,684.88  
3,059.88

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.330 acres described as parcel 24 0 20 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 57724-170, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CUTLER RD  
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING,  
INC  
Bill Number: 255-3

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 952.66  
952.66

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 18,000 acres described as parcel 2 0 1 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: CUTLER RD EX  
Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING,  
INC  
Bill Number: 255-4

## 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

3,303.31

3,303.31

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 81,000 acres described as parcel 4 0 19 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

## Property Location: REAR CUTLER RD

Assessed Owners: MOOSEHEAD HARVESTING,  
INC  
Bill Number: 255-5

## 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

375.90

375.90

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 16,000 acres described as parcel 4 0 20 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 16913-59, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

## Property Location: 28 SCHOOL ST

Assessed Owners: PEREZ, NOHENY A.  
c/o HILL-PATCHKOFSKY,  
TA'WONDA & JAM

Bill Number: 290-3

## 2019 SEWER LIEN 375.00

2,204.62

2,579.62

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.190 acres described as parcel 17 0 88 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 59096-187, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

## Property Location: 84 SOUTHBRIDGE RD

Assessed Owners: REYNOSO, LUIS  
c/o BYFIELD DONOVAN  
c/o SUNTREX, LLC

Bill Number: 311-6

## 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 2012.84

2012.84

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.040 acres described as parcel 24 0 159 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 58955-219, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

## Property Location: MAIN STREET

Assessed Owners: STUPSKI, THEODORE  
c/o STUPSKI, WILLIAM

Bill Number: 367-6

## 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 175.56

175.56

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 1,100 acres described as parcel 19 0 18 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4358-26, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

## Property Location: 583 MAIN ST

Assessed Owners: STUPSKI, THEODORE  
c/o STUPSKI, WILLIAM

Bill Number: 368-1

## 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 593.26

593.26

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.480 acres described as parcel 19 0 19 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of WARREN identified in book and page 4358-26, WORCESTER County Registry of Deeds.

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siderations, favoritism or bias," according to the decision. In the decision, Bowen said Gagnon deliberated about the situation, and was torn as he had watched Coulombe grow up and believed he was a good firefighter. In the end, Gagnon made the decision because he believed Coulombe had been untruthful, according to the decision.

The decision references a selectman who brought the concerns to the town, but does not name him, although it was Keith Kruckas, who was originally elected to the board in 2018.

Bowen also stated in the decision that at least one other applicant for the two open Ware firefighter positions was affected as they did not get the job. Coulombe applied to take the original test on Nov. 24 2003, took the test on April 24, 2004, then was hired in 2005 to be an entry-level firefighter. He turned 19 in June of 2004, according to the decision.

Bowen also discounted a claim by Brian Coulombe that Gagnon was not properly the fire chief at the time he was fired. The decision disagreed saying although the first time selectmen appointed him Town Manager Stuart Beckley did not send in the paperwork to Civil

Service right away, selectmen voted on the appointment again right away and sent the paperwork on to Civil Service. Not sending the original paperwork on did not mean Gagnon was not the fire chief, Bowen said.

According to Bowen, he did not find it credible that Kathleen Coulombe, Brian's mother, and Thomas Coulombe did not know their son had applied to take the firefighter test before he was 19 since a parental credit card was used. Bowen pointed to Coulombe's mother filling out her son's 2005 application to the department by hand, using his correct birth date, and his father's acknowledgement that he had refrained from taking part in his son's hiring process as showing they were likely aware he had applied for the position before he was 19. He also said he found it not credible that Brian Coulombe said he did not know the test tak-

ers had to be 19.

The decision also states that Brian Coulombe subsequently used his correct birth date when he took the Civil Service exam for lieutenant years later, which he passed.

According to the decision, the town's investigator interviewed former Deputy Chief and Interim Fire Chief Ed Wloch, who told him the fact that Brian Coulombe took the test before he was 19 and was hired "was probably the worst kept secret in the town of Ware." Wloch said at the time many people in the department assumed that Thomas Coulombe had gotten a waiver for his son. When asked by the investigator how others in the department knew the son had not used his actual birth date to take the test, Wloch said "the kid bragged about it to everybody... Oh, my dad's got pull. He knows what he's doing."

## EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Memorial Day,

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**Ware River News**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by

Alfred M. Gurka to have trees removed from his property at 16 Lovewell Street. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice

can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper

Publishers Association's

(MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>

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**SITE LOCATION:**  
240 Babcock Tavern  
Road, Ware, MA. Deed  
recorded in the Hampshire  
County Registry of Deeds,  
Book 12833, Page 207.  
Assessor's Parcel 4-0-14.  
Zoned: Rural Residential  
(RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

**WARE PLANNING  
BOARD**  
Joshua Kusnierz,  
Chairman

05/27, 06/03/2021

**Hardwick  
Planning Board**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board acting as Special Permit Granting Authority for the Town of Hardwick, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:45PM** at the Town House, 32 Common Street, Hardwick, MA

Pursuant to Hardwick Zoning Bylaw section 3.2.4.u and GL c.140, sec 136A this Hearing is regarding the application by Tanya Gryszkow-Dupell for a Special Permit for a kennel at 112 Shoreline Drive. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org> 05/27/2021

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Harry Comerford,  
Chairman

Hardwick Planning Board

5/20, 5/27/2021

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate  
and Family Court**

**15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton,  
MA 01060  
(413)586-8500**

**Docket No.  
HS19P0765PM**

**In the matter of:**

William E. Richardson

Of: Springfield, MA

Protected Person/

Disabled Person/

Respondent

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF  
CONSERVATOR'S  
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent

and all other interested

persons, you are hereby

notified pursuant to Rule

72 of the Supplemental

Rules of the Probate &

Family Court, that the

**First Annual** account(s)

of William J. Richardson

of Wilbraham, MA, Public

is Conservator of the

property of said Respondent

has or have been presented

to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to

object to the account(s).

WITNESS, Hon. Linda S. Fidnick, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 14, 2021

Michael J. Carey,

Register of Probate

05/27/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation

Commission will hold a

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**Wednesday, June 9, 2021,**

at 6:30 p

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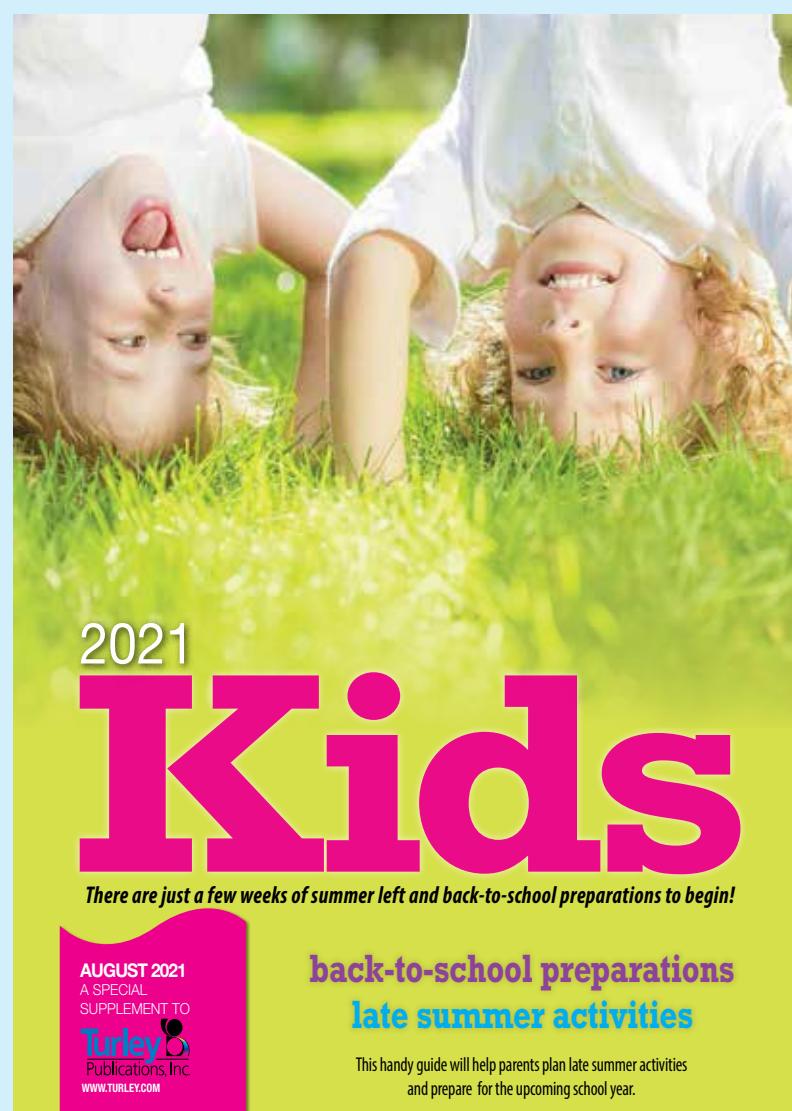


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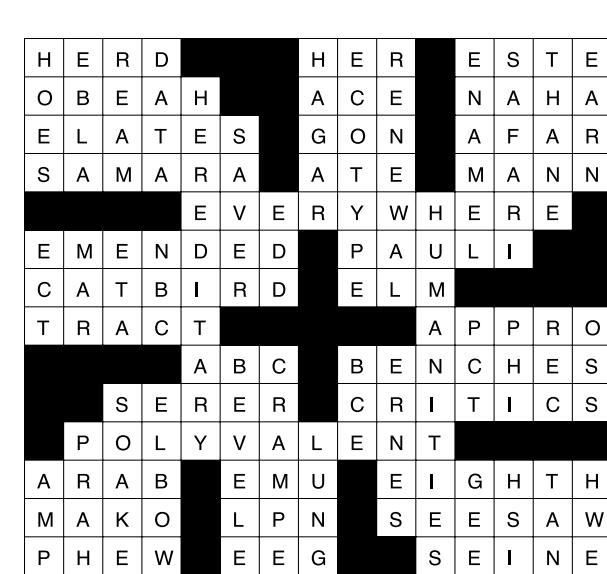
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